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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
2 pay tribute to National Aeronautics and Space Administration
3 (NASA), whose intrepid explorations of space and important
4 scientific discoveries have inspired and benefited the people of
5 our nation and state; and

6 WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has set a goal of
7 returning the Space Shuttle to flight, completing assembly of the
8 International Space Station, developing the Crew Exploration
9 Vehicle, returning humans to the moon, and pursuing human
10 exploration of Mars and the solar system; and

11 WHEREAS, NASA's landmark achievement in putting the first man
12 on the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong, on July 20, 1969, captured
13 the imagination of people everywhere; and

14 WHEREAS, This major accomplishment ushered in new and
15 exciting technological advances that have benefited our nation's
16 security and cellular communications; NASA has also advanced our
17 health care system through the development of MRI and CAT scan
18 technology, fetal heart monitors, programmable heart pacemakers,
19 and other important medical devices; and

20 WHEREAS, Through education programs like Texas Aerospace
21 Scholars, the NASA Explorer Schools, and the Network of Educator
22 Astronaut Teachers, NASA is nurturing a new generation of explorers
23 and scientists who can contribute to our nation's excellence; and

24 WHEREAS, NASA plays a vital role in the economy of the Lone

1 Star State, by employing nearly 3,000 civil servants and
2 approximately 13,000 contractors at the Johnson Space Center and by
3 awarding almost \$4 billion worth of NASA contracts annually; small
4 businesses across Texas with technical challenges have benefited
5 from the support of the aerospace industry, NASA, and the State of
6 Texas' support of the Technology Outreach Program, resulting in new
7 business ventures within the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The Space Exploration Vision has the potential to
9 further drive innovation, development, and advancement in the
10 aerospace and other high technology industries across the nation
11 and in the State of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, The extraordinary contributions of NASA to science
13 and technology are the pride of our state, and the Space Exploration
14 Vision is truly deserving of legislative recognition; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby respectfully urge all members of the United States Congress
18 to fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 budget request in support of the Space Exploration Vision, as
20 submitted to the congress for fiscal year 2006, to enable the United
21 States, and the State of Texas, to remain leaders in the exploration
22 and development of space; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
24 copies of this resolution to the administrator of the National
25 Aeronautics and Space Administration, to the president of the
26 United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and
27 the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to

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1 all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request
2 that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional
3 Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of
4 America.